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Chancellor announces plans for June '07 retirement

Will York
Managing Editor

After serving UTM for more than 30 years, Chancellor Nick Dunagan announced Thursday he will retire at the conclusion of the Spring 2007 semester.

He made the public announcement at a community tailgate party before UTM's first home football game against Urbana University. In the announcement, Dunagan said he will miss the university's faculty, staff and students, but he added he looks forward to spending

retirement with his wife, Cathy.

Dunagan said he will be catching up on his role as grandfather and hopes to get in some long-awaited traveling after the culmination of his tenure at UTM in May.

"My most fulfilling part of the chancellor's job is the opportunity to react with students," Dunagan said. "I still feel the excitement of the first week of school, and continue to be amazed by the feats of ours students. The growth I see makes my job one of the most fulfilling in the world. I will miss students the most."

He added being named chancellor was the "most wonderful honor of [his] life."

While there is never a good time to leave, Dunagan said he has "every confidence that UTM has the personnel to complete everything underway in great style."

UT system President John Petersen was present at the tailgate party, and thanked Dunagan for his service to the university.

"Nick and Cathy [Dunagan] are two of the most unselfish people that

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Chancellor Nick Dunagan announced his retirement plans before Thursday's football game. Dunagan has served as UTM's chancellor since 2001.

TREVOR RUSZKOWSKI / Sports Information

Martin celebrates the joys of the soybean

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Greek, sports grades come in higher again

Julie Hood
Staff Writer

Spring 2006 By the Numbers

Both greek and sports grades showed improvements over the Spring 2006 semester grade reports, recently released by the UTM Athletics Department and Office of Greek Life.

Sigma Phi Epsilon took the top spot among fraternities, catching a 3.15 GPA and taking the best grades title from Sigma Chi, who took top grades with a 3.16 the previous semester. Sigma Chi came in at third place with a 2.90 average last semester.

Chi Omega once again scored highest among sororities, earning a 3.28 cumulative average, up 0.01 points from Fall 2005.

Among sports teams, men's cross country once again scored highest in academics last semester, with a 3.61 cumulative GPA, up from 3.58 last year.

Overall, seven of the 11 fraternities' averages ranked higher than the UTM all-male average. However the overall fraternity's GPA dropped .07 points compared to last semester's results. The most significant improvement in grades was Sigma Alpha Epsilon, with a 0.2-point increase.

The Phi Beta Sigma Sorority, which came in with a 2.83 average in Fall 2005, still below the all-female average, experienced the most drastic drop last semester, falling 0.66 points to 2.17.

The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity scored lowest of any athletic team or greek organization, just hitting the 2.0 mark.

Louis Ragsdale, director of Greek Life, said, "I am happy to see that grades in the last couple of years have risen and that many fraternities and sororities have risen above the overall student body average." Last fall the IFC passed a bill that required all members of the IFC to maintain a 2.5 GPA, which was reached by all IFC members last

Sport	GPA	Team
Cross Country	3.61	Men
Tennis	3.39	Men
Volleyball	3.35	Women
Soccer	3.33	Women
Cross Country	3.30	Women
Rifle	3.28	Women
Cheerleading	3.25	Coed
Softball	3.23	Women
Tennis	3.09	Women
Rodeo	3.03	Coed
Golf	3.02	Men
Baseball	2.87	Men
Rifle	2.86	Coed
Basketball	2.62	Women
Football	2.61	Men
Basketball	2.19	Men

Sorority	GPA	Council
Chi Omega	3.28	PHC
Alpha Delta Pi	3.24	PHC
Alpha Omicron Pi	3.19	PHC
— All Sorority	3.08	
Gamma Kappa Pi	3.06	Ind.*
Zeta Tau Alpha	2.90	PHC
— All Female	2.88	
Alpha Kappa Alpha	2.74	NPHC
Zeta Phi Beta	2.70	NPHC
Delta Sigma Theta	2.17	NPHC

Fraternity	GPA	Council
Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.15	IFC
Alpha Gamma Rho	2.97	IFC
Sigma Chi	2.90	IFC
Kappa Alpha Order	2.84	IFC
Alpha Tau Omega	2.82	IFC
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.80	IFC
Phi Sigma Kappa	2.78	IFC
— All Fraternity	2.72	
— All Male	2.66	
Pi Kappa Alpha	2.53	IFC
Omega Psi Phi	2.20	NPHC
Phi Beta Sigma	2.15	NPHC
Kappa Alpha Psi	2.00	NPHC

PHC - Panhellenic Council
IFC - Interfraternity Council
NPHC - National Panhellenic Council
Ind. - Independent (Local Sorority)

Source: UTM Athletics Dept., Office of Greek Life

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Newspaper delivery halted after excessive budget woes

Jay Baker
Asst. News Editor

Students who became accustomed to getting *The New York Times* in classes last year are probably wondering where their copies are this year.

But the delivery of the newspaper has fallen victim to budget cuts, leaving students without the daily newspaper.

Last year, nearly 1,000 copies of the newspaper were delivered to UTM daily through a redership program sponsored by the American Democracy Project (ADP) and funded by the Division of Academic Affairs

"It's even more cloudy than it may seem. We're still trying to pursue funding. It may even be here this fall,"

said Mike McCullough, professor of management and UTM's ADP chair.

At 35 cents a paper, plus \$100 a week for delivery, Academic Affairs paid about \$1,000 a semester for the NYT last year, McCullough said.

This year there is a greater demand for the NYT to be used in classes ranging from history, English, sociology to political science and even chemistry.

"[The ADP] budget is just about eaten up by [*The New York Times*]. I'm going to appeal to others on campus to share funding," McCullough said.

McCullough said that it may be too late to get the NYT back this semester, but that he was still working on getting it to the 17 faculty who use it for their

class.

"We'd like for it to at least be out by next semester," McCullough said, adding he hoped to broaden the program by getting more faculty to incorporate the NYT into their class.

Rebel Reavis, a sociology professor, incorporated the daily newspaper into her social problems class last semester. But this year, students have get their articles from Internet sources.

"It was extremely useful because students could find articles pertaining to pretty much anything we covered in class," Reavis said. "Also, while students looked for articles on particular social topics, they could come across lots of other useful information."

McCullough also stressed the significance of the NYT,

NYT cut by the numbers

The American Democracy Project secured the newspaper at 35 cents per copy.

About 1,000 copies were delivered daily last semester.

Academic Affairs paid \$1,000 per semester to fund the newspaper's delivery.

as compared to other news sources.

"There's only a few sources where news comes from and *The New York Times* is one of them. Everyone else

picks up the crumbs that fall from the table of *The New York Times*. My deep apologies for it not being out ... I'm just as sad as anyone on campus about this," McCullough said.

McCullough will speak with university deans and department chairs tomorrow to discuss possible shared funding of the project.

The American Democracy Project is a multi-campus initiative of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities intended to increase civic engagement on college campuses and among students. UTM signed on to the ADP in 2003 and became the executive center for the Southern Consortium of the ADP in 2005.

Our View

Editorial: All student organizations' grades should be made public

Once again, greek and sports grades from Spring 2006 have come in on a positive note, with several organizations showing significant improvements over Fall 2005. Still, there are several organizations lagging behind.

But we applaud those organizations who are committed to academics and realize there is life beyond the fraternity house and playing field.

Many wonder just why we even report Greek and sports grades in the first place. But there's good reason for putting these organizations under the microscope. Greeks and sports teams are ambassadors for the university, from performing philanthropic works to bringing glory to the Skyhawks. Therefore, they are held to higher standards, bringing every action under scrutiny.

On the whole, Greeks and sports teams live up to their higher standards. Last semester, most fraternities, sororities and sports teams exceeded the general student average, though there is still room for improve-

ment with some.

But why are only Greeks and sports teams' GPA's disclosed?

There are many organizations serving as ambassadors for the university that should be held up to the same standard as our sports teams and Greeks.

It is unfair to criticize or applaud our Skyhawk teams or our Greek-letter organizations without holding other organizations' members to the same standard.

Student Government Association leadership preaches the benefits of "getting involved" in student organizations, but with such notoriety also comes responsibility.

We advocate the full disclosure of grades for *all* student organizations, from Student Government all the way to the staff of this publication.

While Greek and sports members should be scrutinized for their academics, we expect other student organizations to release their grades as well.

For the sake of full disclosure, *The Pacer* staff scored a 3.41 GPA last semester.



Internet accessibility should remain equal

You know what I love ... the Internet. You know what I love even more ... a free and open Internet. You know who doesn't love a free and open Internet ... big telecommunications companies like AT&T, Verizon, Comcast and Time Warner and apparently Republicans (save for Olympia Snowe) in the Senate.

These corporations have been spending lots of money to lobby the House and Senate to prevent legislation that would preserve "network neutrality." Net neutrality is how

the internet works now: a network functions only to relay information, not choose which information gets relayed first or at what speed or bandwidth. Telecommunications giants like those listed above want to charge sites for "premium" service.

Think of it like this: sites like cnn.com have a lot of resources so they can pay the big toll to drive on the four lane highway, while smaller sites like, say, your personal blogging site or *The Pacer* Online Edition can only afford the dinky two way street that's



Jay Baker
Assistant
News Editor

already crowded with other smaller sites. Doesn't sound fair, does it.

So why should you care? If you like the internet how it is now, then you should care. If net neutrality does not become law, telecommunications companies will do with the internet as they like and you may find it hard to stream video off

of your favorite flash video Web site.

Aside from the ability to stream stupid Web videos, a free and open internet allows individual bloggers the same opportunity to affect an election as a top dollar public relations firm.

So what can you do about it? Check out www.savetheinternet.com. After that, call, write or e-mail your senators: Lamar Alexander and William Frist. Neither of them have taken a stance on the issue yet.

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As many have already read, Martin has a new mayoral candidate. While I don't know Brent Smoyer, have never conversed with him or met him on campus, he IS on my Facebook page.

No, this doesn't qualify me to speak about his integrity as a candidate or anything else but that's not why I think the guy deserves some major pats on the proverbial back.

In a generation where the only things to spark the interest and minds of young college students have been "MySpace" and a return to 80's fashions (and you know who you are!), I am pleasantly surprised that someone only two years past the legal drinking age has turned his sights on something higher than the next layered Polo shirt or how many friends he's accumulated. Brent has taken a look at his surroundings and has decided to do something about them. This type of action hasn't been seen since... well, give me just a minute to think back that far.

I believe wholeheartedly that if we want to see

change within the confines of the world we live in, we must do what we can to enact that change. Notice how the core of that word is "ACT" and not "sit by and watch" or "wait for someone else to do it."

At a time when apathy is as rampant as mini-skirts and big hair were in the 80's, I have to commend Brent and those like him for the courage to stand among their peers and actually raise their voices to a pitch that can be heard among the din – and actually have something worth saying.

In a very real way, Mr. Smoyer has restored some of the faith in "the younger generation" that has been lacking for a very long time. For the citizens of this fair hamlet of Martin, he shows community spirit and pride in his surroundings that has been hyped up in other publications and on billboards all over this town and I think he's to be commended.

There is another important issue here that he brings to the table. When was the last time that you actually took time away



Christian
Ashlar
Staff
Columnist

from the computer screen, put down the iPod, shut off the Pussycat Dolls, closed the books (okay, so that last one happens more often than the others) and walked your intelligent, thinking, ACT-ing selves down to the polls and cast your vote for the people that lead you? Or have you found it MUCH easier to sit back, relax, have another Red Bull and wait for your parents, teachers, policemen, and OTHER POLITICIANS to cast their votes for who governs and makes laws for YOU?

Whether Brent Smoyer is a good mayoral candidate isn't truly the crux of this column. Only an in-depth interview with him and a chance to question him about policy issues, financial savvy, and long-term plans for Mayor-ship would determine that (and if you're reading this, Brent, drop me an e-mail!).

This editorial isn't about

support of or condemnation of Smoyer's qualifications but rather a nod in the direction of his choice of ACTION over inaction. By declaring his intention to run for mayor, Smoyer has demonstrated that should we see problems in our government, the only way we're going to see those problems solved is to take action.

I encourage you all to take this unique opportunity and seek out Brent Smoyer; find out where he stands on issues that affect Martin, and therefore, you. Do the same for his opponent and once you're armed sufficiently with the facts, actually take thirty to forty minutes out of your day to go down and VOTE!

Yes, you may only be in Martin for the four years it takes to get your degree, or you may only be here for a semester or two but wouldn't it be something to look back and remember the 23-year-old UTM student who ran for mayor and know that you had a hand in his election? If nothing else, that's got to be worth something on the motivational scale!

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I've ever met," Petersen said. "I think the exciting thing is the fact that we are in such good shape at this institution."

After serving as interim chancellor three separate times, Dunagan was named UTM's chancellor in April 2001 by the UT Board of Trustees. He began work at UTM in 1973, serving as the university's director of development. He has also worked as vice chancellor for student affairs, vice chancellor for development and administration and executive vice chancellor since beginning employment at UTM.

Dunagan also serves as

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semester. While all IFC fraternities met that requirement, all three NPHC fraternities scored under 2.5.

Compared to Fall 2005 results, UTM athletes had a .16 decrease for Spring semester, but several teams showed marked improvements. Compared with the student body average of

the executive director of WestStar, a regional leadership development academy sponsored by UTM.

Dunagan, a native of Caruthersville, Mo., graduated from UTM in 1968. He then earned a law degree from the University of Missouri in 1971, followed by a doctorate degree in higher education from Vanderbilt University in 1990.

He is married to the former Cathy Porter, a UTM graduate from Humboldt, Tenn., and they have four children, including UTM Assistant Professor Stan Dunagan.

2.82, UTM athletes finished with a 2.92 overall GPA.

Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance Bill Kaler said, "The UTM athletes are getting better all the time. I have seen a better caliber in not only students here at UTM, but also in our athletes."

Committee defers on yearbook's future

Will York
Managing Editor

The UTM Publications Committee voted Tuesday afternoon to allow the student-run, student-funded yearbook to produce the two delinquent editions from 2005 and 2006, but stopped short of giving them the go-ahead to produce a 2007 edition of *The Spirit*, pending their ability to produce the other yet-to-be-completed books.

The committee, composed of various administrators and the student body president, set a Sept. 30 deadline for the completion of the 2005 yearbook, and a Nov. 30 deadline for the completion of the 2006 yearbook editions.

Although the committee considered cutting both delinquent editions of the yearbook and issuing student refunds, they acted to give the yearbook staff an opportunity to prove them-

selves by setting deadlines for the completion of both the 2005 and 2006 yearbooks.

On Oct. 3, the committee will reconvene to discuss the status of the 2007 yearbook, as well as check on the status of the 2005 yearbook, which should, by that time, already be sent to the yearbook's printer.

The yearbook is funded by an \$8.50 per semester fee paid by every full-time undergraduate student. Students approved the special yearbook fee in a 2002 university-wide referendum. That fee will generate about \$78,600 for the 2007 yearbook's production, despite *The Spirit's* two-year backup.

The Spirit staff is 38 pages shy of finishing the 2005 edition.

For the full story, see the Pacer Online Edition at <http://pacer.utm.edu/>

SGA Senate holds first meeting of year

Student representation in new chancellor search and yearbook concerns prioritize agenda

Jason Bohanan
Staff Writer

Several hot-button issues were discussed at the Student Government Association's first Senate Meeting of the semester Thursday.

Just hours after Dr. Nick Dunagan, UTM's chancellor since 2001, announced his plans to retire, Dr. Jerald Ogg told SGA senators he expects the committee responsible for selecting Dunagan's successor to have student representation.

"I know Dr. Petersen [UT President] well enough to believe that he's going to want students on this committee," said Ogg, the Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. "There's a rich history of having students involved and I believe Dr. Petersen will continue this history."

Student body president James Orr had no comment.

SGA passed a resolution, proposed by Heather McLean, the chair of the procedures committee, scheduling a student forum Sept. 26 to discuss the possibility of discontinuing *The Spirit*, UTM's much-maligned yearbook.

"We're also hoping to have a survey on the [myUTMartin] portal," McLean said.

SGA also heard an update on the yearbook from Tomi McCutchen Parrish, the Director of Student Publications and advisor to both *The Spirit* and *The Pacer*.

The UTM Publications Committee voted Sept. 5 to allow the yearbook staff to finish two late issues of the book; however, they didn't give them permission to produce a 2007 edi-

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- Jerald Ogg
Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

tion. The yearbook staff has a Sept. 30 deadline to finish the 2005 edition and a Nov. 30 deadline to finish the 2006 edition.

"I will tell you now that the yearbook staff is on fire to have it done before then," Parrish said.

Gina McClure, director of Campus Recreation, asked SGA to grant access to faculty and staff to use the student fitness center in the UC between 6:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily. McClure cited a daily underutilization of the facility before 2 p.m. and the lack of recreational options for faculty and staff as reasons for the proposal.

"The fitness center, as it is now, is not utilized from the 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. time frame," McClure said.

Under McClure's plan, faculty and staff would pay an annual fee of about \$25 to use the facility, with the revenues generated from the fee being put into fitness center funds.

SGA did not vote on the issue, referring it to the campus observation committee instead.

Biodiesel expert speaks at Soybean Festival

Rachel Rogers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The lyrics to a Diamond Rio song gave rise to the "Meet Me in The Middle" theme of this year's Soybean Festival and were spoken by Soybean Festival Chairman David Belote at the Mayor's Luncheon, which was the official kick-off to the 13th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival.

In keeping with the theme of community spirit, Belote said that there were "Twenty-five community organizations, merchants and companies who sponsored events at the festival. There are 70+ individuals, organizations, merchants and companies who provide financial support of the festival. We can't do it without those kinds of resources."

Part of the luncheon was to hand out many different awards, including the Martin Beautiful Awards. UTM won the award for a Public Place, with the award being accepted by Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Dr. Tom Rakes. The Baptist Student Ministry also took home an award in the Church-Related category.

This year, the main focus



RACHEL ROGERS / The Pacer

Expert Scott Hughes informs his audience about the benefits of the biodiesel industry.

of the luncheon was to learn how soybeans can be used in making biodiesel, which is quickly becoming the fuel of choice for America, and to explain how soybeans are used in making this product. Scott Hughes, Director of Governmental Affairs for the National Biodiesel Board, was the main speaker at this year's luncheon. Hughes, who grew up on a soybean farm, works with different organizations, such as the Tennessee Soybean Association to help advance policies for biodiesel.

"What we try to focus on is research, testing and education about biodiesel,"

said Hughes. In his presentation entitled "Biodiesel and Soybeans: A Winning Combination," he educated the audience on the past, present and future of the biodiesel industry and how soybeans have and will continue to play a big part.

"The soybean industry in the early 1990's were looking for new markets for soybean oil," said Hughes. "Something needed to be done to try and find a new use for soybean oil to help bump up those prices. Over in Europe, rapeseed oil was being used to make this clean-burning fuel called biodiesel. The U.S. soybean farmers took note of that

and began to see if they could make biodiesel with soybean oil."

Hughes also said that, after learning this, soybean farmers began investing millions of dollars into the biodiesel program. To show how closely related soybeans are to biodiesel, he explained that the National Biodiesel Board was once called the National Soybean Development Board.

The biodiesel industry has "enjoyed some exponential growth since 1999," said Hughes. "At that point in time, there was roughly five hundred thousand gallons of biodiesel oil produced in the U.S. Between 2005 and 2006, we doubled the production in the U.S. Based on some early data that we've received, we should be anywhere between 150 and 200 million gallons of production in the U.S. this year."

"Biodiesel certainly won't displace conventional diesel fuel completely," Hughes said. But they hope to expand the existing diesel fuel market, which he says should help lower our dependency on foreign oil and hopefully level out those gas prices that had many of us cringing.

Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Math Lab

If you need help in mathematics, the UTM Math Lab is offering free tutoring Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Humanities B 103 A (Basement), and from 4-9 p.m. in Humanities 408-406. There is no tutoring on Fridays.

English Lab

The English Writing Center will be offering free tutoring Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Humanities 209 and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Humanities 209.

Free Movie Night

The English Society is hosting free movie night at Watkins Auditorium. Hamlet will be shown at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

RUF Bible Study

RUF will have a special study, "What the Bible Says about the

Doctrine of Predestination" on Sept 12, 8 p. m. in UC 206.

SAACS Recruitment Demo Show

Students majoring or minoring in Chemistry, Chemical Engineering or Pre-Professional Programs (Medical, Pharmacy, etc.) are invited to join the #1 science club on campus! The UTM Chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society is having a New Member Recruitment Demonstration Show on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. Come to EPS Room 202 for free pizza, drinks, ice cream, and entertainment!

SAC Special Event

This week we have a special event: Your SAC is renting out The Cine` on Thursday night for a free showing of *Invincible*, for all students. The movie will start at 11:20 p.m. and all you need is your student ID. Also,

this Friday we will be showing *Something New* in the Watkins Auditorium. Enjoy the free movies!

Book Reading & Signing

Stephen M. Outten will be in the campus bookstore on September 12 from 1- 3 p.m. to sign copies of his book, *The Shadows Whisper*.

President's Roundtable Meeting

The President's Roundtable will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 12 in UC 111.

Intramural Tennis Tourney

UTM Campus Recreation will be offering an Intramural Tennis Tourney this semester. A player's meeting and sign-up deadline will be held Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. The cost for participation in this event is \$10 and will be located in the Elam Center.

Meeting will be in Fieldhouse Room 2059. Play begins Sept. 18. For more information, call 881-7745.

Payne Lecture

Please attend a lecture by Brian Payne on "Peace Corps: Promoting Peace and Understanding." This lecture will take place from 4-5 p.m. on Thursday September 14 at HU 121.

Constitution Events

Important speeches from history that key in on the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights will be brought to life by UTM students at a program from 4-5:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium on Sept. 18. There will be a discussion after the speeches. The second event is a speech by former FBI Director, Louis Freeh, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elam Center.

English Society Picnic

The English Society will host a picnic from 4-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19 at Weldon Park.

Intramural Golf

UTM Campus Recreation will be offering Intramural Golf this semester. Deadline for entry is Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. The cost for participation in the two-man 9-hole best ball scramble is \$30 and will take place at the Wynridge Golf Club. Tee-off is at 3:30 p.m. Play begins Sept. 20. For more information, call 881-7745.

Lunch & Learn

Counseling Services are sponsoring Wednesday Forums: Lunch & Learn this year. Their first meeting, "Party Hearty Like a Smarty," will be at 12:15 p.m. on Sept. 20 in UC 125.

Former FBI director kicks off UTM Academic Speaker Series

Darci Meyer
Staff Writer

UTM will host former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Louis Freeh, as part of its Academic Speaker Series on Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Elam Center.

Freeh, who served as director of the FBI from 1993 to 2001, will present "National Security and Civil Liberties: Pros and Cons."

The presentation will include a discussion on the clash between desires for national security and personal privacy and what needs to be done to maximize both desires while sacrificing neither.

"National security and how to protect our personal privacy rights during this time of national tension are issues of the first importance in our public life... These are complex issues and there are no easy answers to them. As a former director of the FBI and a prominent law enforcement official for decades, Mr. Freeh has important insights that will allow

us greater understanding of these crucial issues and these difficult times," said Dr. Dan McDonough, Honors Program director.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Freeh will be available to sign copies of his bestselling book, *My FBI: Bringing Down the Mafia, Investigating Bill Clinton, and Fighting the War on Terror*. The book can be purchased in the UTM bookstore and, on the evening of the presentation, in the concourse of the Elam Center.

Freeh joined the FBI as a special agent in the New York City field office after his graduation from Rutgers Law School in 1974.

In 1981, he became chief of the Organized Crime Unit and an Associate United States Attorney after joining the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

Freeh assumed the lead role in the investigation and prosecution of the New York Mafia, was awarded the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished

Service from 1987 and 1991 and served as a United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York from 1991-1993.


In 1993, Freeh was appointed director of the FBI. During this eight-year term, he modernized and internationalized the bureau, doubled the number of global FBI branches and increased focus on counterintelligence and cybercrime.

Freeh also expanded and enhanced the use of DNA technology and state-of-the-art electronic surveillance.

Freeh, as director of the FBI, was described by New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani as "the singularly best-suited person in America to run the FBI."

Currently, Freeh serves as a consultant on security issues and on several corporate boards.

The Academic Speaker Series is sponsored by UT Martin Honors Programs, First-Year Initiative, Office of Student Affairs, Student Activities Council and the American Democracy Project.



Police Report

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6:42 p.m., August 29 Cooper Hall	8:59 a.m., September 1 University Street
Report of a fire alarm sounding. Officer and fire department responded. Determined to be a false alarm. System was reset.	Traffic accident involving 2 vehicles. Ms. Mishonee T. Hicks was issued citations for following too closely and an expired license plate (City Court).
7:43 a.m., August 30 University Center	2:03 p.m., September 1 Lot 19
Subject reported to be having difficulty breathing. Treated at the scene and transported to the hospital by EMS.	Subject reported that their vehicle had been damaged. Investigation continues.
11:48 a.m., August 30 Moody Street	4:08 p.m., September 1 Lot 19
Ms. Pamela B. Mitchell was issued a citation for a stop sign violation and seat belt violation (City Court).	Subject reported that their vehicle had been damaged. Investigation continues.
10:01 p.m., August 30 Hannings Lane	6:31 a.m., September 2 Lot 1
Mr. Jacob W. Pentecost was issued a misdemeanor citation for underage drinking (General Sessions Court).	Mr. John M. Fields was issued a misdemeanor citation for vandalism after damaging a fence (General Sessions Court).
12:31 a.m., August 31 Lot 19	5:12 p.m., September 4 Lot 5
Ms. Cassidy L. Edwards was referred to Student Affairs for first offense underage drinking.	Subject reported damage to their vehicle. Investigation continues.
5:39 p.m., August 31 University Center	9:25 a.m., September 5 University Village
Report of a harrassing phone call. Investigation continues.	Subject reported the theft of their bicycle. Investigation continues.
10:44 p.m., August 31 Lot 5	10:46 a.m., September 5 EPS
Subject reported that their vehicle had been scratched with a key. Investigation continues.	Report of a subject needing medical attention. Subject was treated on the scene and transported to the hospital.



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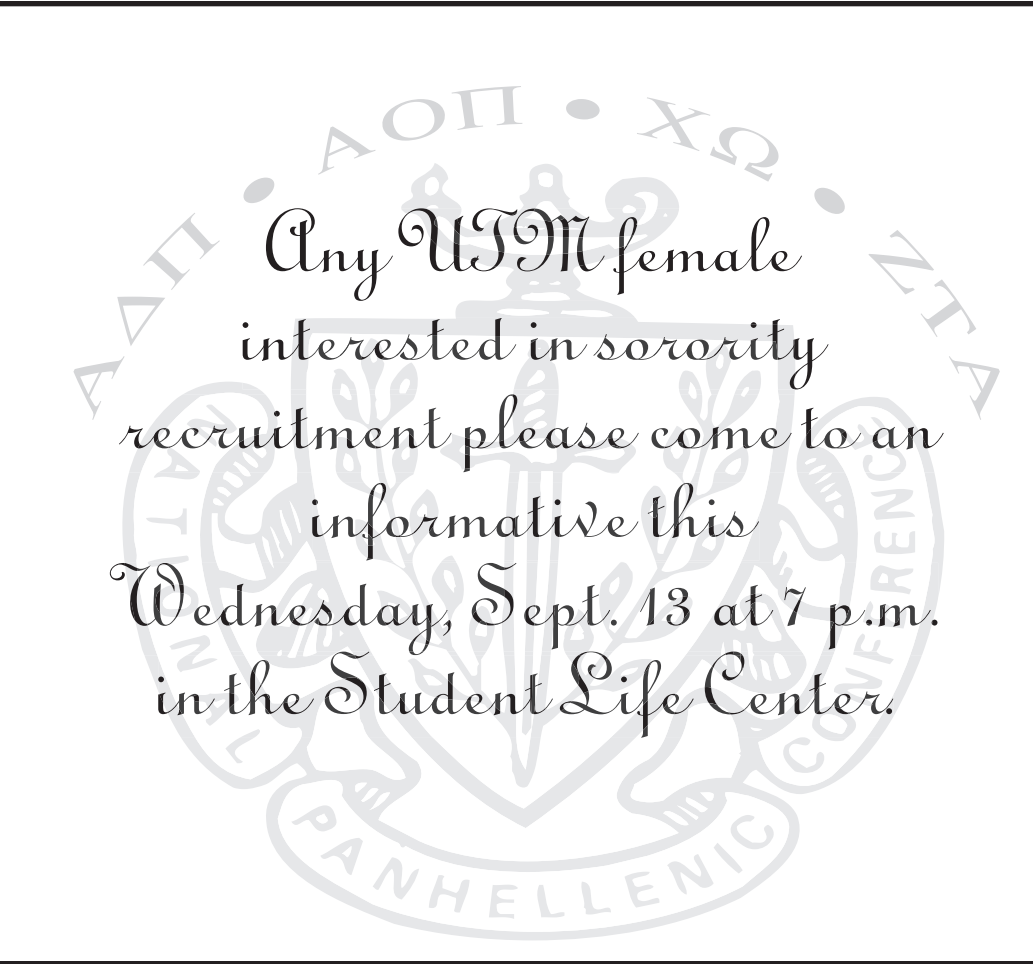
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City of Martin “Meets in the Middle” for Diamond Rio

Rachel Hatchett
Staff Writer

Six-time Vocal Group of the Year Diamond Rio took the downtown stage Saturday night during Martin’s 13th Annual Soybean Festival.

The six-man group, composed of members Marty Roe, Gene Johnson, Brian Prout, Dana Williams, Jimmy Olander and Dan Truman, kicked off the show with one of their classics, “Beautiful Mess.”

Lead singer Roe asked the question, “How’s everyone doin’ in Martin, Tennessee?” after the performance of the third song. After talking about such things as NASCAR and UT-Knoxville football, Roe announced, “We’re going to have some fun.”

The group promoted their new CD, which hit stores May 9, multiple times during the show. The 16-year music veterans performed a total of 24 songs, everything from their classics to Bluegrass and one song with a bit of Spanish flavor was performed. People in the crowd were constantly mouthing the words to the band’s songs as the group

performed them.

The group also sang such hits as “Mama, Don’t Forget to Pray For Me” and “That’s What I Get For Loving You.”

Humor was even incorporated into the show when Roe explained how an ex-college girlfriend broke up with him to later inspire their new single, “Redneck Love Gone Bad.”

Roe even recalled once during the show the group playing years ago at a UTM basketball game.

The show ended with the crowd pleaser, “In God We Still Trust,” which encompasses the views of the group.

Elementary education and physical education major Jennifer Hickerson of Lynnville and health and human performance major Ashley Ruggles of St. Louis both commented after the show, saying, “We thought it was really good.”

“It was a fun atmosphere,” said Ruggles.

The concert was sponsored by Volunteer Community Hospital and First State Bank.

To learn more about the group, check out their Web site at www.diamondrio.com.



Courtesy of KARAMI HAGAN

Spin Doctors rock the crowd at this year’s Soybean Festival

Brittany Dowdy
Staff Writer

The 13th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival kicked off this year’s free weekend concert series with the popular ‘90s group, Spin Doctors.

Even though they only had three popular songs in their career, all off of their first album *Pocket Full of Kryptonite*, more than 1800 fans emerged from their homes to sit in the warm evening air to watch the show.

People of all ages turned out for the concert which was held at the Downtown Stage in Martin. In attendance were UTM students, city officials, UTM faculty and staff, Martin families, and people who had driven hundreds of miles to attend the festival.

The Spin Doctors did not leave their fans in suspense for too long to hear the 1992 hit “Little Miss Can’t Be Wrong”, and the crowd could not have been more excited. After playing some of their older and more popular songs, the Spin Doctors played a few songs from their new album *Nice Talking to Me*, which has been in stores since September of last year.

The performance also included “Yo Mama’s a Pajama”, “Pocket Full of



Courtesy of KARAMI HAGAN

90’s rock group Spin Doctors entertained the crowd at the Downtown Stage on Thursday night as part of the 13th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival

Kryptonite”, “Two Princes”, “Margarita”, “Nice Talking to Me”, and “Sugar.”

The concert was co-sponsored by the UTM Student Activities Council, Reelfoot Bank and the City of Martin.

The Soybean Festival Committee has been working on putting the festival together since the end of last year’s festival. It has been said that this year’s festivities were bigger and

better than any preceding Soybean Festival. Also performing at this year’s festival was 38 Special, featuring former members of Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Diamond Rio.

To learn more about the group or to check out some of the music that you might not have heard at the show this weekend, you can check out their Web site at www.spindoctors.com.

The only place where you are allowed to “slam” someone

Sara McIntosh
Asst. Sections Editor

After being inspired by his Poetry Writing Workshop from the previous springsemester, Tim Moore, a junior English major, feels that the students on this campus would be interested in reviving an old, poetic tradition that was popular in the ‘90s called Slam.

Moore describes the art of Slam as “performance poetry that’s kinda like dialogues in plays because the way you deliver it to the audience helps them understand the meaning of the poem. It’s basically acting out your poem.”

Dr. Leslie LaChance, who has experience in the art of Slamming, describes this poetic movement as “performance poetry that reflects the early traditions of the very first poems on the planet, which were ritualistic, orally composed, committed to memory and recited at special events.”

For anyone not aware of what a Slam is, there is a

documentary movie in the library entitled “Slam Nation” that demonstrates the art and performance behind the Slam poetic movement. In a brief synopsis, imagine a poet performing poetry to an audience that feeds off the words and feels the emotion behind the words much like a person would whenever attending plays or music concerts. Basically, a theatric interpretation of a poem is what a Slam is all about.

“Dr. LaChance came up with the idea during Poetry Workshop. She mentioned it to me and a few other people. It sounded like a good idea and I never thought I would be the person taking over it,” said Moore.

For anyone who has ever known Moore, this should come as a bit of a shock because he sometimes refers to himself as “shy and soft spoken.” Moore is not the normal archetype for a Slam artist because those performers are just that: performance specialists who just happen to be recit-

ing their own poetic works instead of the famous poets like Shakespeare or Milton.

Dr. LaChance has offered her services to be the chauffeur, help with travel plans if she is out of town and be a coach for the group. Her main focus for the group as a whole is for it to be an event that the students have authority over because she says that “it is really good for the students to form a community.”

If you are interested in learning more about Slam, Dr. LaChance suggests watching the “Slam Nation” video because it sheds light into the poets as well as the competition aspect of Slamming. Also, PoetrySlam.com is a useful website that answers many questions on the topic of Slam and offers agendas for Slams in areas around the country. Any student who wants to be a part of a collegiate Slam team is advised to send an e-mail to beanswitch@utm.edu with SLAM in the subject line.

The new and improved BeanSwitch is on its way

Sara McIntosh
Asst. Sections Editor

After eating some pizza, drinking some soda or green tea and friendly conversation, the very first BeanSwitch meeting was well under way to discuss the changes that will be well under way for the literary and arts magazine supplemented by student submissions.

Mattie Davenport, the executive editor and a junior secondary education major, along with Mark Shelton, the designer and art editor as well as a senior graphic design major, have used their editorial powers to make some changes to the usual publication methods in order to appeal to more students and have the best intentions of the submissions and readers in mind. The biggest change students can expect for the fall BeanSwitch issue is that it will be an online edition.

The costs of printing in color along with the poor reproduction quality of students’ artwork are the main reasons for this updated BeanSwitch format. This major format change was needed in order to broaden the audience of readers, modernize the issue to compete with many other literary works as well as appeal to any student interested in being a published artist, according to Dr. Leslie La-

Chance, the faculty advisor for BeanSwitch.

“Color printing is extremely expensive and that’s why BeanSwitch has always been in black and white. I would hope that the online edition would have very good art because the print edition only has four color pages. The artist would have a better chance to have their work in color and it will be good for submissions because it is easily accessible,” said Davenport.

This issue will not be the only one that will be going to an online format. Davenport hopes that the old editions will eventually be available online for readers. It is the job of Shelton to redesign the Web site as well as placing these issues online.

Students will be able to submit all of their original works via e-mail, which is preferred by the staff, or with the traditional paper submissions to accompany a CD with the works saved on it. The submission deadline will be Friday, October 13 at midnight and all students who are interested are encouraged to submit their works or become a part of the BeanSwitch team.

“The online issue is mainly to get people to stay involved and to say ‘Hey, this is good’ and look forward to the print version. It is three things: a way for us to

get more color pieces out, to get more submissions and still save money by making only one print edition available in the Spring,” said Shelton.

To continue on with the usual BeanSwitch publication festivities, an art show and poetry reading is scheduled for October 9. The room has not yet been secured but it is believed to be in the “Black Room” on the second floor in the Fine Arts Building. Artists will be displaying their art work, which is a benefit to the artist because “they can display their art and pictures are being taken of it to help it serve as a submission as well as an art display,” according to Shelton.

The next BeanSwitch meeting will be Thursday, September 15 at 5:15 p.m. in the Writing Center. The purpose of this meeting will be the design of the BeanPods, which are “neat and lots of fun to make,” according to Dr. LaChance. Anyone with spare magazines or an interest in making these collage-type fliers to advertise the publication are encouraged to attend. If making collages aren’t your style, you can still come out and help post the fliers around campus in areas most appealing to students. Either way, food will be provided to all students who participate.

Senior art show combines a few differences to show similarities

Dana Bell and Kristy Marker showcase how well they can work together while total opposites

Bessie Cherry
Staff Writer

Opening night of the first UTM Senior Art Show for the fall ‘06 term will be Tuesday, September 19 in the Fine Arts Building.

The show, titled, “Polar Opposites: A Collision of Art” was named by seniors Dana Bell and Kristy Marker and will solely display their artworks. “We chose this title along with a black and white theme to project our many differences,” says Bell, an art education major. “The title is fitting because our personalities, beliefs, ambitions and backgrounds are as different as black and white. I want to teach art, and Kristy’s emphasis is in graphic design. I’m from a small town in the South, and she’s from a large city in the North. I could go on and on about our differences,” says Bell, “We’ve been

best friends since we met at UTM in the fall of ‘04, but it seems the only thing we have in common is our love for art, and even with that, our styles are totally different.”

Bell’s drawings and paintings and Marker’s computer/web designed art and photography exhibits will be on display for approximately two weeks in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building. “I encourage everyone to come to the show on opening night, especially those in majors other than art,” says Kristy Marker. “We’ve put a lot of work into making this enjoyable for UTM.”

Aside from the exhibits, those attending the art show will enjoy free finger foods courtesy of Bell, Marker and their supporters.

Bell was president and Marker was vice-president

of the UTM Visual Art Society for the 2005-06 academic year. Bell was also awarded the David Wechsler Fine Arts Scholarship in the spring of ‘06. Marker holds an A.S. degree in English from Columbia State Community College and a Technical Certificate in Photography from Nashville State Community College.

Both artists were selected last year by the modern art organization, Artists of the 21st Century, to submit works which were put on display at the West Tennessee Regional Art Center in Humboldt.

Bell says she’s extremely excited about her upcoming career as an art teacher, and currently gives lessons to children in her spare time.

Marker says, “I have found my passion, and that’s the most important measure of success in my life.”

Things college kids wouldn't be caught dead without

Sara McIntosh
Asst., Sections Editor

Fingerprint Scanning Laptops and RAZRS and iPods! Oh My!

With the beginning of the school year already behind us, many students across the campus are exhibiting the latest trends in technological gizmos and gadgets in full force.

It is important to note that back-to-school shopping now includes the traditional items to survive the school year as well as the much-hyped industry term of "must-haves" that make all that college learning go down a whole lot smoother. After all, the saying is "work hard, play hard," right? Whether it be the latest cell phone with Bluetooth technology, a digital camera and video recorder as well as the ability to play MP3's or the latest innovation in the line of iPods, the importance of technology has arrived to the once secluded realms of Northwest Tennessee with students standing at the forefront.

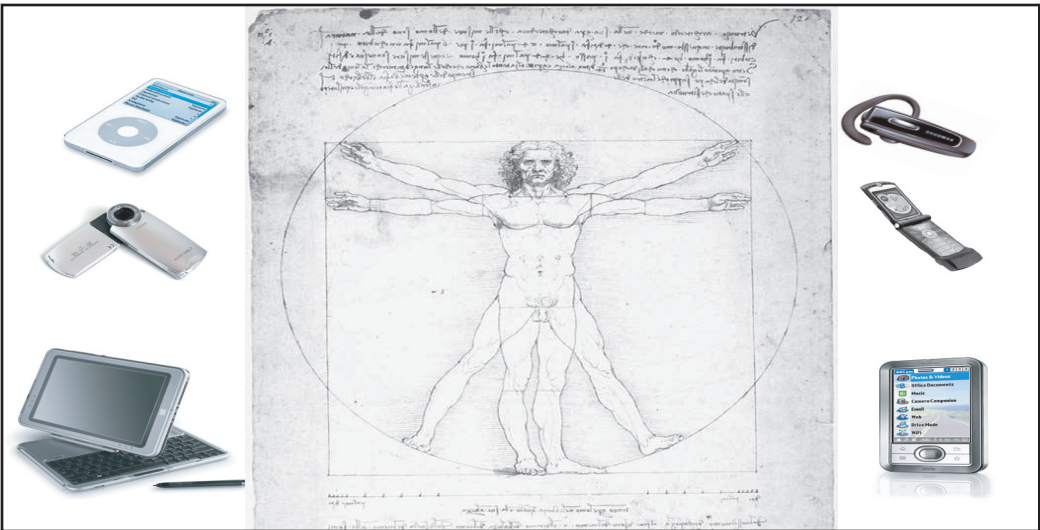
Jennifer James, a junior health and human performance major, is one of the many students infected with the technology epidemic easily seen around the campus. "My cell phone is always with me so I didn't have to pack it when I was getting ready to come back to school. [MP3 players] are a lot easier to carry around and they holds more music than a regular CD player," said James.

With some retailers seeing this shopping frenzy as second only to the Holiday

shopping season, it is no wonder that technology and department stores market the college student in their advertising campaigns. According to the National Retail Foundation, an industry trade group, college freshmen are expected to spend an average of \$1,152 on all the goodies needed for their introduction into the collegiate arena. The total amount of money coming from college students is anticipated to be around \$36.6 billion on items like furniture, supplies and books.

This disposable income is fueling purchases on the "must-have" items like the newest innovation from the cellular phone arena; with Motorola RAZR in the various available colors leading the pack on cellular goodies, according to Wirefly.com. Any phone that allows students to have the latest technology at their disposal is a good place to start because cell phones are replacing land-line phones as the primary means of communication while away at college. With that said, why not eliminate other technology devices by incorporating the ability to take good quality digital pictures or listen to downloaded music from the same phone you talk to your mother with.

After learning the importance of packing lightly their subsequent years in college, many students have discovered the possibilities behind the MP3 player phenomenon, mainly the iPod model in particular as it is the most popular with college-age students, accord-



JAY BAKER/ The Pacer
Top to bottom, left to right: Apple iPod Video, Sony Cyber Shot Digital Camcorder, HP Tablet PC, Samsung Bluetooth Headset, Motorola RAZR, PalmOne LifeDrive Mobile Manager.

ing to a report by the Post-Crescent. Sure, that small fortune of CDs was cool when you were young and technologically-inexperienced in high school, but now it isn't as easy to carry all those things around with you and still maintain a living space within the confines of a small dorm room.

With the "I want it now" revolution vastly overtaking the world, MP3 players are allowing students access to more music that they will actually listen to and can be socially acceptable to take anywhere. In the same report by the Post-Crescent, universities in various locations in the country are providing iPods to incoming freshmen in order to allow all students to be on the same technological foot as their older, broke counterparts. Who knows, that iPod could someday be the future of textbooks as we

know it.

However, there are a few students holding on to the somewhat antiquated technology of the CD player. Cassy Morris, a sophomore communications major, said that she always brings a CD player with her wherever she goes because she "likes listening to music, even if it is on the go." For Morris, a cell phone isn't an essential must-have but more a modern convenience in a somewhat complicated life. "If I need to make a phone call or if something comes up, I want to make sure I can

make a call if I need to, so I keep my phone with me," said Morris.

Another student independent of the clutches within the MP3 player phenomenon is Sam McDaniel, a junior finance major. Instead of relying on a small device, he prefers to still make a more modern version of the mix tapes of our techie predecessors. "I don't have a need for an MP3 player because all my music is on my computer. I knew I would need all the multimedia stuff on my computer at some point while I was here

in order to make my CDs," said McDaniel.

Laptop computers are replacing the desktop computers of just a few years ago because of their versatility and accessibility to internet via wireless internet hubs across campus. Our very own campus is incorporating this technology in various buildings and even fast food chains like Burger King and McDonald's are joining in on this phenomenon. The newest craze and perk for purchasing a laptop, according to a New York Times article, is for students to have fingerprint recognition software imbedded in their laptop in order to demonstrate a security benefit most appealing to parents as well as their children.

Parents and children alike flock to the stores that are marketing their goods to the college-minded in order to appeal to that nagging voice of ensuring that the best and most reliable products are at their disposal. Students at UTM are no exception and the sky is the limit to the amounts of technology being seen and discovered while attending classes this school year.

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Skyhawks bounce back to shut out Urbana in pigskin home debut

Brad Hurt
Sports Editor

Despite a short break after their season-opening loss to Ohio, the Skyhawks scored a touchdown in each quarter as they opened their home schedule with a convincing 28-0 victory over NAIA opponent Urbana University.

The shutout was the first for the Skyhawks at home since 1992 when the Skyhawks defeated Delta State University 24-0.

The Skyhawk offense found a groove one week after struggling on the road against Ohio, amassing 470 total yards in a truly balanced effort. Of that total, 238 yards came on the ground and 232 came via the pass.

Three players saw time at quarterback in the game for the Skyhawks and all three performed well. Dexter Anoka started the game for Jason Simpson's squad and completed 7-of-17 passes for a total of 65 yards. Among his completions was a 20-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver E.J. Daniel with 5:10 remaining in the second quarter that followed a 53-yard scramble by the quarterback.

Daniel, a sophomore transfer from Louisville, caught two touchdown passes on the day.

Anoka also rushed twice for 57 yards and an average of 28.5 yards per carry.

Greg Preston entered the game after the Skyhawks' first drive of the second half and completed 5-of-7 passes for 145 yards and two touchdowns. His biggest contribution to the offense was a 53-yard touchdown pass to Jesse Burton with 5:10 remaining in the first half.

Burton and Daniel led all receivers with 79 yards each, while senior Taurean Stephens caught four passes for a total of 47 yards.

The Skyhawks controlled the ball to begin the game and used several runs by junior tailback Don Chapman to move the ball down the field and set up a 32-yard field goal attempt by Taylor Brown, which missed to the right.

The visitors fared no better on their opening drive as the Skyhawk defense carried over its solid play from the previous game.

After an eight-yard completion from quarterback Ryan Gehlert to Prunell Sweeney gave the Blue Knights a first down, Dante Harrold ended the drive and put the Skyhawks on the scoreboard with a 32-yard interception return for a touchdown with 8:43 to play in the opening quarter.

That score was the key play in a defensive effort that spanned all four quarters. The Skyhawks held their opponents to 211 yards of total offense and 10 first downs. Craig Worthen and Tirrdell Byrd each registered a sack of Gehlert. Senior linebacker Markeseo Jackson led the team with 10 tackles, including seven solo tackles and one tackle for loss.

Additionally, the team forced a fumble, which was picked up and returned 25 yards by senior defensive end Zach Kleinfelder.

On their second drive of the game, the Skyhawks moved the ball 80 yards down the field only to tuen the ball over and come away with nothing to show for their efforts.

Josh Chapman rushed for a total of 43 yards on the drive to advance the ball to the doorstep of the endzone. He finished the game with 89 yards on 13 carries for an average of 6.8 yards per carry.

With the Skyhawks already leading 7-0, they appeared destined to go up by two touchdowns or, at worst, settle for a field goal and a ten-point lead.

Unfortunately, Chapman lost the ball as he ran into the endzone, resulting in a touchback and a turnover for the Skyhawks.

Following the miscue, the Skyhawks made sure it would not cost them anything on the scoreboard by stopping the Blue Knights on a fourth-down play at the UTM 31 yard line.

They then moved the ball 69 yards on four plays to extend their lead to 14-0 before halftime.

The Skyhawks then stopped another Blue Knight drive to give themselves one more possession before the break but were unable to score and failed to get a first down.

Despite a kickoff out-of-bounds penalty to start the second half, the Skyhawks

again frustrated the Blue Knights' nationally-ranked offense.

The Skyhawks' smothering pass coverage forced the visitors to commit themselves solely to their ground game.

After their opening drive of the second half stalled, the Blue Knights used a 55-yard punt by Matt Branch to pin the Skyhawks in a precarious position at their own 1-yard line.

Branch punted seven times in the game for an average of 39.1 yards per punt. He pinned the Skyhawks inside their own 20-yard line three times.

With his back to his own end zone, Anoka relied on his senior tailback to get him out of his predicament.

Chapman rushed four times on the drive for a total of 18 yards leading up to a Taylor Brown punt.

Brown punted the ball three times for an average of 38 yards and had a long of 46 yards for the Skyhawks.

Penalties again were a problem for the Skyhawks, who were flagged 11 times for a total of 117 yards. Urbana committed eight penalties for a total of 67 yards.

Don Chapman left the game with an ankle injury after gaining 47 yards on six carries.

The win evened the Skyhawks' record at 1-1 for the second consecutive season. The team began the 2005 campaign by winning its first game in dramatic fashion over Central Arkansas before falling to Arkansas State, 56-7. The Skyhawks will resume their homestand on Saturday at 6 p.m. when they host Division I-AA powerhouse Gardner-Webb, a member of the Big South Conference.

Last year, the Skyhawks earned a major road win by beating the Runnin' Bulldogs on their home field in Boiling Springs, N.C., 31-28.

The Skyhawks have one non-conference game after next week. The team will travel to Austin Peay on Sept. 30 to face the Governors, who are playing as independents this season.



Trevor Ruskowski/ UTM Sports Information

UTM freshman defensive back Dontell Miller lifts Urbana quarterback Ryan Gehlert off the ground as a teammate assists on the tackle during the Skyhawks' 28-0 win over the visiting Blue Knights on Thursday at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. The shutout was the first for the Skyhawks at Graham Stadium since 1992 when the Skyhawks defeated Delta State 24-0. Miller had two solo tackles in the game and assisted on three others.

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Volleyball opens home slate with win over Sewanee squad

Brad Hurt
Sports Editor

The Skyhawk volleyball team opened its home schedule in style on Wednesday by recording a one-sided 3-0 victory over Sewanee at the Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

The win improved the team's overall record to 5-3 heading into a weekend tournament in Indianapolis.

Sewanee faced a huge challenge from the start of the match as the Skyhawks had a significant size advantage, especially around the net.

Shelby Knose opened the match with three consecutive service aces for the home team. Throughout the match, the Skyhawks displayed an impressive service game. As a team, they recorded 17 service aces to the visitors' zero. This allowed them to dictate the flow of the match.

Junior Jamie Hollins helped the Skyhawks rally from an early 3-0 deficit in the second game with an ace during a 6-0 run that brought the momentum back to the home team.

From that point, the Skyhawk lead exploded as the stellar service con-

tinued. Breanne Carey served a pair of aces to build the advantage to 21-7. Freshman outside hitter Lauren Montague and junior libero Anna Gautreau also had aces in the game.

"I think it's exciting to have started our season off the way we have this year. It's like the girls have rebounded. They learned a lot last year and they are applying it this year," said Skyhawk head coach Amy Draper.

The Skyhawks recorded a .527 attack percentage for the match while forcing Sewanee into a percentage of -.064. Sophomore Sarah Jett led the way for the Skyhawks by hitting a stellar .909 with 10 kills in 11 attempts. Junior Shelby Knose was a perfect 1-for-1 in the match. Junior Kathryn Sprague and freshman Taylor Noland joined Jett in recording double-figure kills with 13 and 11, respectively.

"The girls have just built a lot of chemistry from playing together and the experience of last year is showing," Draper said.

Defensively, Gautreau led a balanced effort with six digs. Senior Tammy

Konitzer and Breanne Carey each had four and Dimphy Sasse contributed three. The Skyhawks' size around the net proved to be beneficial in denying the Sewanee attack chances to put points on the board.

Coach Draper expressed satisfaction with her first-year players, several of whom have gotten their careers off to good starts in the early stages of the season.

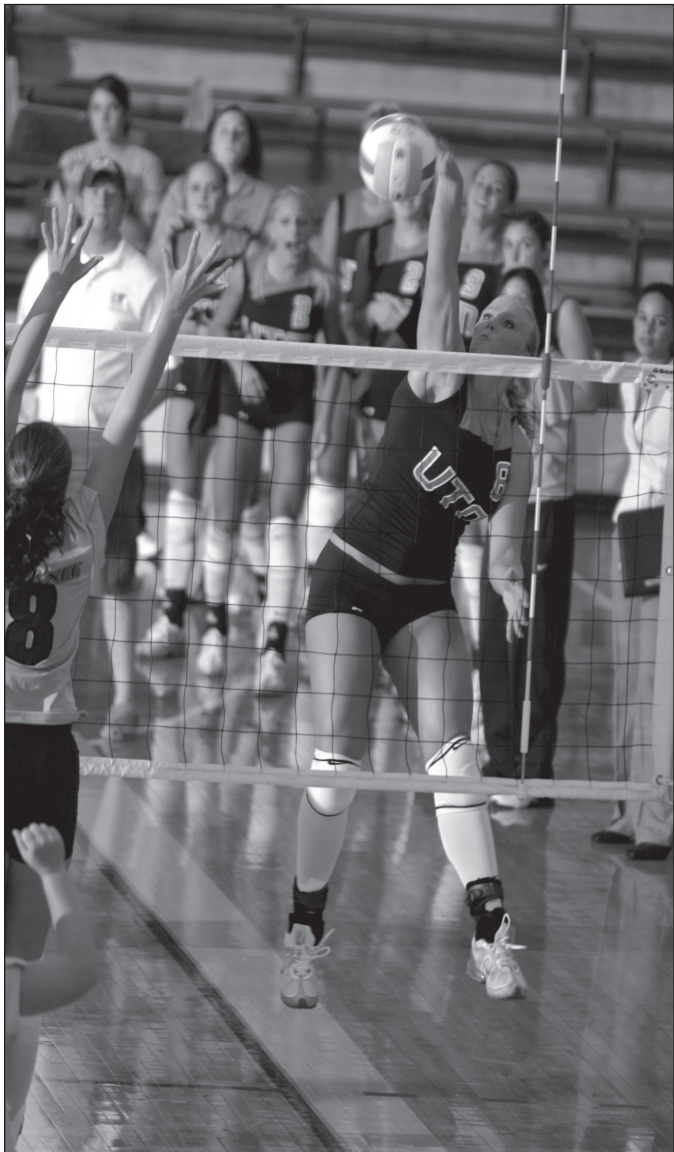
"The new players have brought in a higher skill level and they are pushing the other girls to achieve a higher skill level," she said.

"Anytime you can bring in new players who are just as good as the ones you already have then you are moving in the right direction."

Sewanee threatened only once, taking a 3-0 lead in the second game of the match.

The Skyhawks have won four straight matches following a weekend tournament in Indianapolis.

The team will return to defend their home floor tonight when they take on Trevecca at 7 p.m. in Skyhawk Fieldhouse.



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Sophomore outside hitter Taylor Noland prepares to deliver a shot during Wednesday's match against The University of the South (Sewanee). The Skyhawks used a size advantage to dominate play around the net in recording a 30-16, 30-11, 30-11 victory. The win improved the team's record to 5-3 as they prepared to travel to Indianapolis for weekend matches against host Indiana-University-Purdue University-Indianapolis and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Noland put up an impressive performance, recording 11 kills on 16 attempts for and attack percentage of .500. The Skyhawks' young players have been a large factor in the team's dramatic improvement over last season's disappointing finish. With five wins this season, the team is well on its way to improving on last season's disappointing record.

Soccer team wins Skyhawk Puma Invitational

UTM Sports Information

The UTM soccer team pulled out a 2-1 win over Arkansas State in a double overtime thriller on Sunday afternoon. It was the final game of the Puma Skyhawk Invitational. The Skyhawks improved their record to 2-3-1 on the season.

UTM drew first blood from an unassisted strike in the 24th minute by junior forward Katie Behrens. It was Behrens' third goal of the year.

The score remained 1-0 until Arkansas State's Markie McRae scored off a corner kick in the 88th minute. The goal sent the game into overtime where the score remained 1-1 until the second overtime.

Just seconds into the second extra period, freshman midfielder Kendall Straessle took a deep shot that sailed over the head of ASU goalkeeper Adair Sauerwein and in. It was Straessle's third goal of the season, her first game winner. The Skyhawks out shot Arkansas State 24-12 in the match.

UTM will look to extend their winning streak to three games when they travel to Flagstaff, Ariz., and play Northern Arizona University at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15.

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The Ohio Valley Conference came away with two wins in the first round of the Skyhawk Puma Soccer Invitational Friday afternoon at the Skyhawk Field. Murray State defeated Arkansas State 3-2, while tournament host UTM held off East Tennessee State University 3-2.

Junior Katie Behrens scored her second unassisted goal of the match with less than six minutes to play and sealed the first win of the season for the UTM women's soccer team.

Behrens' goal gave the host Skyhawks a 3-2 victory over ETSU in the second match of the Skyhawk Puma Invitational Friday afternoon.

With the victory the Skyhawks improve to 1-3-1 overall, while ETSU falls to 0-5. The Skyhawks return to action Sunday when they host Arkansas State at 2 p.m.

Behrens' first goal of the match came at the 11:30 mark and gave the Skyhawks a 1-0 lead.

ETSU's Monty Jordan tied the match at 1-1 at the 28:26 mark.

ETSU out shot the Skyhawks in the first half 9-1.

In the second half, the Skyhawk defense stymied ETSU. Erin Jordan broke the 1-1 tie with her first goal of the season at the 63:14 mark. Kendall Straessle had

the assist on the goal.

The Skyhawk lead was short-lived. ETSU tied the match at 2-all when Adrian Mobley scored at the 67:05 mark. Mobley's shot was one of only three shots in the second half by ETSU.

The Skyhawks out shot ETSU 11-3 in the second half.

Following the Northern Arizona trip the Skyhawks will open the OVC season with road games against Eastern Illinois and SEMO. Their next home game will be Friday, Sept. 29 against fellow OVC member Tennessee Tech.

Murray State 3, Arkansas State 2

Murray State scored three unanswered goals before Arkansas State could answer in the first game of the Skyhawk Puma Invitational. Murray State posted a 3-2 win over Arkansas State to record its first win of the season.

Rebekah Clay scored two of Murray State's three goals. Krista Llewellyn scored the third goal.

Markie McRae scored both of Arkansas State's goals.

The Skyhawks and Racers did not meet in the tournament but will play each other in an OVC contest in Murray on Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

UTM Cross-country place third at Early Bird Meet

UTM Sports Information

UTM's men's and women's cross country teams finished third at the Washington University Early Bird Meet in Forest Park, Mo., on Sept. 2.

The Skyhawk men all finished among the top 25. As a team, the Skyhawks finished third overall with 85 points and an average time of 25:12.

Paul Thames turned in the fastest Skyhawk time at 22:14 in the 6K run.

"On the men's side we have a long haul," said Gordon Sanders, the Skyhawks' head coach.

"The top two runners from the past two seasons came in injured and are working only to get to racing form by the conference meet."

The Skyhawk women also finished third in the Early Bird 4K with 84 points and an average time of 16:56.

Shannon Wall had their fastest Skyhawk women's time of 16:15, finishing 14 overall.

"With seven new faces on the women's team, it was not surprising that a few broke into the top five spots," Sanders said.

"Our top three finishers were within 30 seconds of each other and I expect at least five women will be in that 30-second group by October. They will be a stronger team racing as a pack."

Bradley University finished first in both the men and women's meets.

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